Auditors' Report on the accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-363/98].

(xiii) (a) Annual Report and Acounts of the National Water Development Agency, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-642/98].

(xiv) (a) Annual Report of the National Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks' Federation Limited, Mumbai, for the year 1996-97.

(b) Annual Accounts of the National Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Developemnt Banks' Federation Limited Mumbai, for the year 1996-97 and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Federation.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-796/98].

(xv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Paddy Processing Research Centre, Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu), for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-643/98].

Reports (1996-97) of Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Notifications of Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions (Deptt. of Personnel and Training and Life Insurance Corporation).

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. A Copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Report, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution:—

(i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1997 (No. 3 of 1998)—Union Government (Civil) Performance Appraisals. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-688/98].

(ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1997 (No. 4 *of* 1998)—Union Government (Civil) Other Autonomous Bodies. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-689/98].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) relating to the establishment of Tribunals, under section 3 and 8 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993:—

(i) GSR 416(E), dated April 27, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Calcutta.

(ii) GSR 653(E), dated August 30, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Delhi.

(iii) GSR 654(E), dated August 30, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal at Mumbai.

(iv) GSR 655(E), dated August 30, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribual at Jaipur.

(v) GSR 832(E), dated November 30, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Bangalore.

(vi) GSR 881(E), dated December 26, 1994 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribual at Ahmedabad.

(vii) GSR 492 (E), dated October 25, 1996 regarding the Change in the location of the Debts Recovery Tribunal at Ahmedabad.

(viii) GSR 508 (E), dated November 4, 1996 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Chennai.

(ix) GSR 7 (E), dated January 7, 1997 regarding establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Guwahati.

(x) GSR 325 (E), dated June 17, 1997 relating to the change in the location of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Patna.

(xi) GSR 687 (E), dated December 5, 1997 relating to the change in the area of jurisdiction of Debts Recovery Tribunal Chennai w.e.f. 5-12-1997 (A.N.).

(xii) GSR 688 (E), dated December 5, 1997 relating to the change in the area of jurisdiction of Debts Recovery Tribunal Guwahati w.e.f. 5-12-1997 (A.N.).

(xiii) GSR 237 (E), dated May 4, 1998 publishing Corrigendum to Notification GSR No. 688 (E), dated December 5, 1997 regarding change in the area of Jurisdiction of Debts Recovery Tribunal Guwahati.

(xiv) GSR 181 (E), dated April 7, 1998 regarding the establishment of Debts Recovery Tribunal at Jabalpur. [Placed in Library. For (I) to (XIV) *See* No. LT 736/98]

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962:—

(i) GSR 371 (E), dated July 8, 1997, publishing Notification No. 59/97-Customs dated 8-7-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 Customs dated March 1, 1997 so as to add 19 more textile machines to list 10, alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(ii) GSR 452 (E), dated August 6, 1997, publishing Notification No. 63/97-Customs dated 6-8-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 Customs dated 1.3.1997 so as to omit certain procedural requirement for availing the concessional rate of duty 20% *advalorem* alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(iii) GSR 473 (E), dated August 20, 1997, publishing Notification No. 64/97-Customs dated 20-8-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 Customs dated 1.3.1997 so as to specifically exclude acrylic resin binders from being eligible to the concessional rate of customs duty of 20% *advalorem* when imported for use in leather industry, alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(iv) GSR 525 (E), dated September 10, 1997, publishing Notification No. 68/97-Customs seeking to

amend Notification No. 13/97 Customs dated 1.3.1997 in order to prescribe a concessional basic customs duty rate of 10% on five specified inputs of the electronic industry, alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(v) GSR 538 (E), dated September 15, 1997, publishing Notification No. 69/97-Customs dated 15-9-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 39/96 dated 23.7.96 so as to extend the validity of the exemption alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(vi) GSR 583 (E), dated October 8, 1997, publishing Notification No. 74/97-Customs dated 8-10-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 Customs dated 1.3.97 relating to grant concessional rate of duty of 20% on specifed when imported by Airport Authority of India for uses for modernisation of airport facilities alongwith an explanatory memorandum. [Placed in Library For (i) to (vi) *See* No. LT-427/98]

(vii) GSR 521 (E), dated September 3, 1997, publishing Notification No. 66/97-Customs dated 3-9-97 issued to extend DEPB benefits to the merchant exporters tied with supporting manufacturers who are eligible to claim DEPB on pre-export basis in terms of para 7.34 of the Exim Policy 1997-2002.

(viii) GSR 676 (E), dated November 27, 1997, publishing Notification No. 87/97-Customs dated 27-11-97 seeking to extend the DEPB facility for export from the port at Kakinada and inland Container Depots at Nagpur, Agra, Faridabad, Jaipur, Guntur and Varanasi.

(ix) GSR 697 (E), dated December 12, 1997, publishing Notification No. 88/97-Customs dated 12-12-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 111/95 Customs dated 5-6-95 to allow exemption from payment of counter vailing duty on capital goods imported by poultry Industry under the Zero duty EPCG Scheme, alongwith an explanatory memorandum.

(x) GSR 698 (E), dated December 12, 1997, publishing Notification No. 89/97-Customs dated 12-12-97 seeking to amend Notification No. 29/97 Customs dated 1.4.97 to allow exemption from payment of counter vailing duty on capital goods imported by poultry Industry under the Zero duty EPCG Scheme, alongwith an explanatory memorandum. [Placed in Library for (VII) to (X) *See* No. LT 732/98]

IV A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951:—

(i) GSR 717 (E), dated December 19, 1997 publishing the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benfits) (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(ii) GSR 718 (E), dated December 19, 1997 publishing the All India Services (Communication of Pension) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(iii) GSR 252 (E), dated the 18 May, 1998 publishing corrigendum to Notification No. 25011/24/97-AIS(II), dated the 19th December, 1997, containing All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benfits) (Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(iv) GSR 249 (E), dated May 13, 1998 publishing the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benfits) Amendment Rules, 1998.

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(v) GSR 259 (E), dated May 22, 1998 publishing the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benfits) Second Amendment Rules, 1958.

(vi) GSR 40 dated February 21, 1998 publishing the Indian Forest Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Amendment Regulations, 1998.

(vii) GSR 41 dated February 21, 1998 publishing the Indian Forest Service (Pay) Amendment Rules, 1998.

(viii) GSR 230 (E), dated April 30, 1998 publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Third Amendment, Rules, 1998.

(ix) GSR 231 (E), dated April 30, 1998 publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Third Amendment Rules, 1998.

(x) GSR 192 (E), dated April 20, 1998 publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Fourth Amendment Regulation, 1998.

(xi) GSR 193 (E), dated April 20, 1998 publishing the Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Fourth Amendment Rules, 1998.

(xii) GSR 96 (E), dated February 27, 1998 publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Amendment Regulations, 1998.

(xiii) GSR 97 (E), dated February 27, 1998 publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Amendment Rules, 1998.

(xiv) GSR 98 (E), dated February 27, 1998 publishing the Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Second Amendment Regulations, 1998.

(xv) GSR 99 (E), dated February 27, 1998 publishing the Indian Police Service (Pay) Second Amendment Rules, 1998. [Placed in Library for (I) to (XV) *See* No. LT 650/98]

V. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961:—

(1) S.O. 34 (E), dated January 12, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding leave travel concession.

(2) S.O. 50 (E), dated January 12, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding contribution in Employees Provident fund.

(3) S.O. 102 (E), dated February 4, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding prescription of the basis and manner of computation of profit of housing and other activities.

(4) S.O. 171 (E), dated March 6, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding amendment in form 2-A.

(5) S.O. 390 (E), dated May 8, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding amendment in form 2.

(6) S.O. 395 (E), dated May 13, 1998, publishing the Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1998 regarding exemption of Transport Allowance from income tax.

(7) S.O. 2542 (E), dated October 11, 1997, notifying the "Sarva Seva Sangh, Sevagram, Maharashtra" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(8) S.O. 2543 (E), dated October 11, 1997, notifying the "Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi" for the assessment

years 1993-94 to 1995-96 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(9) S.O. 2544 (E), dated October 11, 1997, notifying the "Maharashtra State Council for Child Welfare, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1989-90 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(10) S.O. 2545 (E), dated October 11, 1997, notifying the "Maharashtra State Council for Child Welfare, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1990-91 to 1992-93 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(11) S.O. 2546 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Maharashtra State Council for Child Welfare, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1993-94 to 1995-96 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(12) S.O. 2547 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Sight Savers-Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(13) S.O. 2548 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "The Association of the Physically Handicapped, Bangalore" for the assessment years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(14) S.O. 2549 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar, Calcutta" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(15) S.O. 2550 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi" for the assessment years 1994-95 to 1996-97 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(16) S.O. 2551 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "The Bharat Scouts & Guides, New Delhi" for the assessment years 1992-93 to 1994-95 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(17) S.O. 2552 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Gurudev Siddha Peeth, Ganespuri, Maharashtra" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(18) S.O. 2553 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Shri Gajanan Maharaj Sansthan, SHEGAON" for the assessment years 1991-92 to 1993-94 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(19) S.O. 2554 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Indian and National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi" for the assessment years 1993-94 to 1995-96 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(20) S.O. 2555 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Shri Ramachandra Mission, Shahjahanpur (U.P.)' for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(21) S.O. 2556 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta" for the assessment years 1994-95 to 1996-97 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(22) S.O. 2557 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Indian International Centre, New Delhi" for the assessment years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(23) S.O. 2558 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Centre for Advanced Strategic Studies (CASS), Pune" for the assessment years 1995-96 to 1997-98 under

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sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(24) S.O. 2559 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Maharashtra State Women's Council, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(25) S.O. 2560 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Pirojsha Godrej Foundation, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(26) S.O. 2561 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Bombay Humanitarian League, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1993-94 to 1995-96 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(27) S.O. 2562 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Indore, (M.P.)" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(28) S.O. 2563 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Medical Research Foundation, Chennai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(29) S.O. 2564 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation, Chennai" for the assessment years 1993-94 to 1995-96 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(30) S.O. 2565 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Servants of India Society, Pune" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(31) S.O. 2566 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Swami Shukdevanand Trust, Rishikesh" for the assessment years 1989-90 to 1991-92 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(32) S.O. 2567 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Swami Shukdevanand Trust, Rishikesh" for the assessment years 1992-93 to 1993-94 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(33) S.O. 2568 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Delhi Council for Child Welfare, Delhi" for the assessment years 1995-96 to 1997-98 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(34) S.O. 2569 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Sree Ramkrishna Satyananda Ashram, Jirakpur, West Bengal" for the assessment years 1995-96 to 1997-98 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(35) S.O. 2570 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(36) S.O. 2571 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Indira Gandhi National Centre Arts, New Delhi" for the assessment years 1998-99 to 2000-2001 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(37) S.O. 2572 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Sath Sampradya Samrakshani Sabha, Chennai" for the assessment years 1995-96 to 1997-98 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(38) S.O. 2573 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Jnana Prabodhini Samshodhan Sanstha, Pune" for the assessment years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(39) S.O. 2574 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Sri Aurobindo Society, Calcutta" for the assessment years 1998-99 to 2000-2001 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(40) S.O. 2575 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Dakshineswar Ramkrishna Sangha Adyapeath, Dakshineswar, Calcutta" for the assessment years 1998-99 to 2000-2001 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(41) S.O. 2576 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Krishnamurti Foundation India, Chennai" for the assessment years 1996-97 to 1998-99 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10.

(42) S.O. 2577 (E), dated October 11, 1997 notifying the "Jnana Prabodhini (JP), Pune" for the assessment years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under sub clause (iv) of clause (23 C) of section 10. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (42) *See* No. LT 424/98]

VI A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) GSR 486 (E), dated August 27, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 37/97-CE(NT) dated 27.8.97 seeking to extend the provisions of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to paints and varnishes falling under headings 32.08, 32.09 and 32.10 with effect from 1st September 1997.

(ii) GSR 487 (E), dated August 27, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 38/97-CE(NT) dated 27.8.97 seeking to provide forty percent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of paints and varnishes falling under headings 32.08, 32.09 and 32.10 of the Central Excise Tariff is payable with effect from 1st September, 1997.

(iii) GSR 494 (E), dated August 29, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 55/97-CE(NT) dated 29.8.97 seeking to rescind Notification No. 22/97-CE dated 29.4.97 which prescribed tariff value on aerated waters falling under heading No. 22.02 of the Central Excise Tariff.

(iv) GSR 496 (E), dated August 29, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 42/97-CE(NT) dated 29.8.97 seeking to provide fifty per cent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of aerated waters falling under sub-heading Nos. 2201.20 and 2202.20 of the Central Excise Tariff is payable.

(v) GSR 516 (E), dated September 1, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 60/97-CE seeking to amend Notification Nos. 214/86-CE dated 25.3.1996, 4/97CE dated 1.4.97 and 16/97-CE dated 27.8.97.

(vi) GSR 518 (E), dated September 1, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 47/97-Central Excise (N.T.) dated the 1st September, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 28/96-C.E. (N.T.) so as to also allow a person, duly authorised by the Board of Directors of the Company, to authenticate the said challan books.

(vii) GSR 489 (E), dated 27.8.97 publishing the Notification No. 40/97-CE(NT) dated 27.8.97

seeking to provide fifty percent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of footwear falling under heading No. 64.01 of the Central Excise Tariff is payable.

(viii) GSR 495 (E), dated 29.8.97 publishing the Notification No. 41/97-CE(NT) dated 29.8.97 seeking to extend the provisions of section 4A to aerated waters.

(ix) GSR 517 (E), dated 1.9.97 publishing the Notification No. 46/97 dated 1st September, 1997 seeking to amend certain Central Excise Rules.

(x) GSR 554 (E), dated September 18, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 53/97-CE(NT) dated 18.9.97 seeking to extend the provisions of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to Toothpastes falling under chapter sub-heading 3306.10 of the Central Excise Tariff with effect from 1.10.97.

(xi) GSR 555 (E), dated 18.9.97 publishing the Notification No. 54/97 dated 18.9.97 seeking to provide thirty per cent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purpose of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of Toothpastes falling under chapter sub-heading 3306.10 of the Central Excise Tariff is payable, with effect from 1st October, 1997.

(xii) GSR 556 (E), dated 18.9.97 publishing the Notification No. 55/97-CE(NT) dated 18.9.97 seeking to extend the provisions of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to detergents falling under chapter sub-heading 3401.20 and 3402.90 of the Central Excise Tariff with effect from 1.10.97 section 4A of the Central Excise Act provides for valuation of excisable goods with reference to the retails sale price.

(xiii) GSR 557 (E), dated 18.9.97 publishing the Notification No. 56/97-CE(NT) dated 18.9.97 seeking to provide thirty five percent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of detergents falling under chapter sub-headings 3401.20 and 3402.90 of the Central Excise Tariff is payable, with effect from 1st October, 1997.

(xiv) GSR 558 (E), dated September 18, 1997 publishing the Notification No. 57/97-Central Excise (NT) dated 18.9.97 seeking to amend rule 57F of the Central Excise Rules, 1944 so as to provide that the modvat credit available with the manufacturers of toothpaste on the first day of October, 1997.

(xv) GSR 488 (E), dated 27 August, 1997 publishing Notification No. 39/97-CE(NT) dated 27.8.97 seeking to extend the provision of section 4A to footwear.

(xvi) GSR No. 245 (E), dated the 12th May, 1998 publishing the Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1998, to bring some changes in the jurisdiction of certain Central Excise Commissionerate in Bihar and Gujarat. [Placed in Library, For (I) to (XVI) *see* No. LT—426/98]

VII. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. No. 432(E), dated the 30th July, 1997, seeking to impose final anti-dumping duties on acrylonitrile butadiene rubber (NBR) when originating in or exported from Germany or Republic of Korea and imported into India, under sub-section (7) of section 9-A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, alongwith an explanatory memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-428/98]

VIII. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Life Insurance Corporation Notification No. 81(1)/INS-II/97, dated the 9th May, 1998, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 under sub-section (3) of section 49 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-431/98]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamilnadu): Sir, I present the 64th report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table regarding Semi Conductor Complex Limited and Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation.

Sir, again I stand before you to request you to give me permission to raise a matter of grave importance. There is an escalation of terrorist activities in Tamil Nadu....*(Interruptions)*... Every day...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, that part is not allowed. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please don't come here. ...*(Interruptions)* ...Nothing will go on record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav stating that he suddenly fell ill and got admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi for treatment. Hence, he has not been able to attend the sittings of the House since 28th May, 1998. He has, therefore, requested for grant of Leave of Absence from 28th May, 1998 till the end of the current session.

Does he have permission of the House for remaining absent from the sittings of the House from 28th May, 1998 till the end of the current session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Budget (General), 1998-99. We have taken 16 minutes more than the allotted time for discussion on the Budget. Now, I request the Finance Minister to reply...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing will go on record.

डा० महेश चन्द शर्मा: सभापति महोदय, यह बड़ी गंभीर बात है कि सदन की चार घड़ियों में एक घड़ी गलत टाईम दे रही है। सदन के आर्डर में होने के लिए आवश्यक है कि घड़ी भी ठीक होनी चाहिए। क्या बहुमत से तय हुआ है कि तीन घड़ी में 12 बजे हैं और एक में साढ़े बारह बज रहे हैं।

श्री सभापति: बहुमत ठीक है, घड़ी चेंज हो रही है।

THE BUDGET (GENERAL), 1998-99 Contd.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I stand before you here today to put the Government's point of view, by way of reply to the debate, which has taken place here in this House, spread over the last three days. Mr. Chairman Sir, thirty-eight distinguished Members have participated in this discussion, which I am sure, must be a record of sorts. I sat